

## The Intelligencer

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This morning's news from Charleston is of unusual interest. The Intelligencer is not taken by surprise. Its private advice has pointed to the strong possibility of this result, and many Republicans have urged the advocacy of this plan as the best outcome under all the circumstances. The Intelligencer has not seen its way clear to take this ground, though it is not blind to some of its advantages. There can, of course, be no infallible judgment in such a case, and after the arguments have been heard it remains with those who have the votes to determine what is best to do with them.

The Intelligencer has done what it conceived to be its public duty. In fairness it cannot believe that the Republicans will now favor another course as moved by a less worthy motive, and it would be at once unjust and dishonest to pretend so to believe. Republicans will hope that the plan of campaign has been wisely matured.

DELEGATE HENSLY seems to be the sailing philosopher of the House.

MR. RANDALL will see Speaker Carlisle and his friends later. Between them they are not breaking any Republican heads.

It may pay the consciences of the Senate to take the back track, or manufacturers may find a way out of it.

One of these days the Old Dominion, having grown rich beyond her dreams, will become conscience-stricken and pay as what she owes us.

The second day of the penitentiary investigation was uncomfortable for the chief prosecutor. A bird in the hand shouldn't throw stones.

We thought the House of Delegates was not sincere about the anti-free pass bill. It was just a little joke. But the principle remains good.

MR. CAMDEN will feel better when he gets to day's number of his favorite newspaper. There's been a heap of trouble on the old man's mind.

The gentleman from Arkansas is playing with fire. He doesn't know our West Virginia. Somebody ought to tell him that Gibson will fight.

MR. McMAXWELL'S poem, "The Mosaic Rock," is one of the best things he has written for the Intelligencer, and this is saying a good deal. It is a good story well told.

It is wisely proposed to extend the constitutional limit of the session of the Legislature to sixty-five days. In forty-five days an industrious Legislature can do all that is worth doing, and sometimes more.

The Intelligencer is glad to know that Capt. William Otto has consented to serve on the Board of Public Works. He is a man of intelligence and force, and when he takes hold everybody will know he is there. The new board is composed of material that ought to give public satisfaction.

MR. POWDERLY is solid on the Anarchist question. Possibly he never heard that some of the Knights of Labor leaders in Wheeling had solicited subscriptions for the Chicago murderers and otherwise endeavored to excite sympathy in their behalf. Mr. Powderly says "these things are wrong, and in conflict with the fundamental law of the order." Mr. Powderly knows.

EX-GOVERNOR PIERPONT'S article on the debt issue between Virginia and West Virginia will be read with interest in both States. It is picturesque in its array of facts, and it presents a strong argument. The imaginary speech of the President to the retreating soldiers of West Virginia recalls Dr. Johnson's Pitt's reply to Walpole, Jefferson's speech of Logan's the Indian, and Daniel Webster's speech of John Adams in the Constitutional Convention, a literary convenience very effective when skillfully used and much employed by the early historians. Ex-Governor Pierpont makes it toll. As the view of one who lived through all he writes about and was a noble part of it, the article will make a deep impression and have great weight.

Prohibition in Pennsylvania. HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—The prohibition amendment was passed finally in the House at half-past twelve o'clock to-day, amid great applause, the lobby being filled with women at the time. It now goes to the Governor for his signature. When the amendment came up Mr. Drvo made a few remarks against the effort of the Democrats to attach the compensating clause. Mr. Graham, of Allegheny, rose to make a few remarks, but the House being anxious to reach a vote, he asked leave to put a few thoughts of his own upon the subject. There was loud cheering for him to go on, but he declined in order that the vote might be reached. The Democrats, as a rule, voted in the negative.

Nails Advanced to \$2 70. CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 9.—The Western Nail Association adjourned to-day to meet at Pittsburgh two weeks hence. The card rate was fixed at \$2 70, an advance from \$2 60. No action was taken on strikes. W. L. Heare, of Wheeling, W. Va., presided.

Easy Logs Abound. LOCH HAYZ, Pa., Feb. 9.—When the ice goes from above reached here last evening, the pressure was so great on the boom that upwards of 2,000,000 feet of saw logs were forced out and carried away. The logs will be a total loss as no boom is run, below.

Manning's Bank Organized. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Western National Bank was organized to-day by the action of Secretary Manning as President, United States Treasurer Jordan as Vice President and F. Blankenhorn as Cashier.

## GOING TO GO.

## REPUBLICANS WILL HELP MR. CAMDEN OUT.

To-morrow Night's Caucus Will Let Down the Bars, and Then—

## THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION.

Why These Things Are To Be Thus at This Time.

## BETTER THAN SOMETHING WORSE.

## Gentle Reference to the Massachusetts Plan.

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IT HAS BEEN GROWING. This change of front is not a sudden determination. It has been a thing of growth. There were at first Republicans who hoped that Democratic contention might result in the election of a Republican Senator. As soon as this appeared impossible a disposition was evinced to help Camden rather than have one more objectionable man elected. It was not until the Republican members very freely exchanged this view with each other, and by gathering a little here and a little there we have known for ten days that enough Republicans were feeling this way to elect Mr. Camden in the event of a contingency which now believed to be at hand. To give the whole truth it must be said that many and strong requests from Republicans have come to their representatives here to vote for Camden rather than have a free-trader take the place of a man elected by or appointed by the Governor.

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What Our Boys Fought For.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

ST.—It is the design of this article to present some views on the relations of Virginia, West Virginia and the Government of the United States to the old State debt of Virginia. The views presented will be based on the facts of history and conclusions drawn without intending to harshly reflect on anybody, hoping that it may lead to a better understanding of the questions involved.

In 1860 Virginia was a happy, prosperous Commonwealth. Rich in land, agricultural improvements and products, in slaves and internal improvements, rich in her stocks, her bonds, banks and money, and commerce, and the undeveloped resources of the State, proud of her honorable traditions and the history of her great men. All these constituted the basis on which credit was given the State in loan of money for which her bonds were issued, and for the destruction of her material interests no question was ever raised as to the payment of interest and principal of her State bonds.

THE EVIL HOUR. But the evil hour came. Her people listened to strange counsels. An extra session of the Legislature was called, called a State convention, the convention passed an ordinance of secession on the 17th of April, 1861, on the 23rd of the same month the convention ratified the Constitution of the Confederate States, and on the 22nd of May, 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States met at Richmond, admitting the commonwealth of Virginia as one of the Confederate States of America. Her people were organized for military conflict with the army of the United States.

While the President did not commit himself to any legislation on the subject, the gentleman present gathered from his remarks that as between the two bills he favored the House bill, for the reason that it is more explicit and mandatory in its character.

THE FIRST TO BE READY. Pennsylvania Company Ready for the Operation of Interstate Commerce.

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